

Seth's Place

Why when

Rednecked
crease eyed
a little drunk
old timers whack
each other's backs
grin laugh slap sides
because their things
won't stand at how
they'll have to leave
all that for youngbucks

and laugh and have
a great old time do I

young buck in a corner booth
good for forty years
of tingle and of thighs
sip beer and grow afraid
don't grin have fun or
want to whack
a buddy's back?

Mr Keen,

Where did Plastic Man the Green
Hornet Sky King the Shadow
GI Joe Kid Colt Lorenzo
Jones (and Belle) Capts Marvel
Midnight the Fat and Thin men
Beulah Submariner Baby Snooks
David Harding Wonder Woman Stella
Dallas (Olive Higgins Prouty) Jack
Armstrong Airboy Jiggs and Maggie
Jughead Gildersleeve and Jimmy
Wittig (who lived across the street
and suddenly used to from in front
of the green-eyed thing over
spread-out comics leap behind
chairs under tables soon emerge
with an apron for a cape) and
the I who used to love them go?

-- Dennis Trudell

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